

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 and 25-29 are pending in this application.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Ma at the interview held February 3, 2009, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

In the Office Action, claims 1-23 and 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,611,241 to Firester et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the interview, independent claims 1, 12, 23 and 25 each recite that the multiple displays are external output displays separated by a seam area that cannot display output information. As also discussed, aspects of the claims are directed to display of a contiguous virtual display using discontinuous displays separated by a seam area. This is achieved through adjustment of the layout of the output information that takes into account the seam area in the discontinuous output external displays.

As discussed and agreed upon during the interview, Firester is directed to a seamless tiled display with no seam area between external displays as claimed. That is, instead of having bezel seams or gaps as in prior art Fig. 1 of Firester, Firester provides a structure with a singular external display screen 102 or multiple abutting displays with no seam area and achieves a blending of pixel information at the edges of adjacent display modules. See, for example, col. 3, lines 50-60 where Firester teaches that the display modules are "mounted in separate display module structures that are abutted one to the other, thereby avoiding any inter-module gap. Thus there are areas of overlap and no seams or gaps." See also col. 2, lines 7-30 of Firester where it teaches providing "a virtually seamless image" and achieving this by "forming two contiguous pixilated sub-images having a region of overlap and their

common edge...and applying the correction function to respective pixels...in the overlap region."

Accordingly, Firester fails to teach each and every feature of independent claims 1, 12, 23 and 25 or claims dependent therefrom. Moreover, teachings of Firester teach away from the claimed subject matter by showing a desirability to remove the seam area entirely rather than to compensate the display output due to an existing seam area.

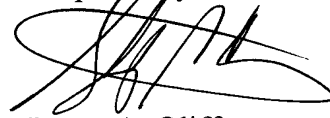
Moreover, with respect to dependent claims 7 and 18, Firester fails to teach moving of an overlapping seam object off of the seam area to be displayed on only one of the displays, or defines a repetition area and repeats the output information in this area on two adjacent displays. Accordingly, claims 7 and 18 are allowable for their dependence on an allowable base claim and for the additional features recited therein.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-23 and 25-29 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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